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U.S. Department of Transportation
Docket No. FAA-99-5926 - 29
400 Seventh Street, SW.
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a general aviation pilot, a US citizen/taxpayer and a visitor to some of this country's national parks. I have been flying for over 30 years and have been visiting and camping in US national parks for over 40 years.

I am writing this letter to voice my opposition to the Modification of the Dimensions of the Grand Canyon National Park Special Flight Rules Area and Free Flight Zones.

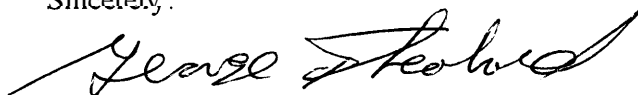
It appears that the only noise impact that has been studied is that produced by commercial tour operators. The FAA and The NPS have not presented any evidence that general aviation overflight has any impact on the Grand Canyon National Park.

The purpose of public law 100-91 is to protect the quiet of the park. It was not intended to be used as a bargaining tool for a mitigation agreement.

Please do not force general aviation aircraft into the Sunny MOA to attempt to see and avoid Air Force fighter aircraft traveling close to the speed of sound.

In summery, neither the National Park System or the Federal Aviation Administration has shown reason for effectively banning general aviation from overflying the park.

Sincerely,


George Theobald

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